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General Smith Vindicated

Remember the political fuss over a remark, three years ago, by Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, then head of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)?

He declared he was "morally certain" that Reds had wormed into "practically every" government security agency. He knew of none in the CIA, but, he said, they're slick, and "you've got to act on the assumption that you have a few."

General Smith can now take a bow. New evidence from high Red sources shows the interest Moscow had at the time he spoke, in our security organizations.

The evidence comes from a former Russian spy master in Australia, Vladimir M. Petrov. He skedaddled over to the Australian government in the spring of 1954, with a batch of documents from his archives.

One of these, a letter from Moscow in 1952, which evidently also went to Russian spies in other free countries, ordered a boring into security groups like our CIA.

Russia seems then to have figured that World War III might grow out of the Korean and Indochina fighting, and was intent on expanding and sharpening up her snooping arrangements.

Some day, we hope, Russia may become a friendly world neighbor. There's little sign of it now, and until it happens we'd better be watchful of underhanded maneuvers.